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Ministry of Natural Resources

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SPECIAL ORDER)
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SUBJECT: Creation of a Committee to investigate and prosecute exclusively serious violations of the penal provisions of P.D. No. 705, as amended.

In the interest of the service and to provide effective prosecution of offenses penalized under the provisions of P.D. No. 705, as amended, a Committee is hereby created to investigate and prosecute exclusively such offenses to be composed of the following:

Romulo D. San Juan Assistant Secretary for Legal Affairs	- Chairman
Antonio C. Elum OIC, Legal Service	- Member
Jose Rosales State Prosecutor Department of Justice	- Member
Rafael V. Señora State Prosecutor Department of Justice	- Member
Oscar A. Pascua Assistant Fiscal Manila	- Member
Domingo B. Maristela, Jr. National Bureau of Investigation	- Member
Oscar C. Lianko Senior Legal Officer, DENR	- Member
Pedro M. Sabundayo, Jr. Senior Legal Officer, DENR	- Member

Wilfredo Saraos Senior Legal Officer, DENR	- Member
Dennis Gemarino Senior Legal Officer, DENR	- Member
Virgilio Leynes Senior Legal Officer, DENR	- Member
Alfredo Nava Asst. Division Chief, ISD, FMB	- Member
Samuel Bongcayao Senior Legal Officer, FMB	- Member
Justo Ternal ISD, FMB	- Member
Pedrillo Altarejos ISD, FMB	- Member

The Committee shall be divided into two teams. The first team shall handle the immediate investigation of complaints and reports of violations, undertake intelligence work, gather, collate and evaluate evidence and the filing of the necessary criminal information/complaints in the courts. The second team shall handle the trial and prosecution of cases.

To ensure the effective and expeditious investigation, prosecution and conviction of offenders, the Chairman may designate members of the team who shall perform liaison work and enlist the assistance of the courts, the constabulary and police authorities as may be necessary.

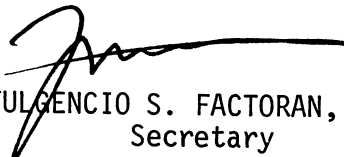
The Regional Executive Directors shall each designate their respective representatives from their Legal Division who shall be considered as additional members of the Special Committee.

In the performance of its official functions, the Committee is authorized to issue appropriate subpoena to compel the attendance of witnesses and/or production of documents, as well as to administer oaths to persons testifying in connection herewith.

All DENR employees are requested to extend their full cooperation to assure success of the Committee's undertakings. All complaints and reports of serious violations of forestry laws, rules and regulations, more particularly those punishable under Executive Order No. 277, shall be immediately referred to the Committee by all concerned.

Considering the functions of the Committee, all expenses including honorarium herein indicated, that will be incurred in the performance of its functions, shall be chargeable to the intelligence funds created under Letter of Instructions No. 1020. The members with the exception of the Chairman shall each be entitled to a monthly honorarium of ₱1,000.00, subject to the usual availability of funds and accounting rules and procedures. The honorarium of the members coming from the different regions shall be paid from their respective offices.

This Order takes effect immediately and supersedes all previous orders inconsistent herewith.


FULGENCIO S. FACTORAN, JR.
Secretary